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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment supplements the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 27, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 8:

8. (Newly Added) In a data recording/reproducing apparatus, a method of managing data in a recording medium for recording and reproducing data, comprising the steps of:

- (a) partitioning the recording medium into a plurality of recording areas, each having a predetermined storage capacity, in which each area defines a predetermined type of data;
- (b) assigning a deletion criteria for each of the respective areas defined in step (a);
- (c) storing a data file of a predetermined type of data in a respective one of the areas defined in step (a);
- (d) determining storage capacity available for the defined area storing the first data file stored in step (c);